Supply of Fertilizers to Small and Marginal Farmers

@@@@3257-D. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some amount was allotted to Andhra Pradesh during 1991 to supply fertiliser to small and marginal farmers at pre hike prices;

(b) if so, the amount so allocated;

(c) the manner in which it was spent and the guidelines for spending the amount; and

(d) if the amount has not been spent so far, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 69.275 crore was allocated.

(c) and (d) The State Government was allowed flexibility in devising suitable scheme for disbursement of funds. Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported implementation of the scheme through the co-operative credit channel and utilisation of the funds allotted to them.

Fertilizer Units in Madhya Pradesh

$3257-E. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fertilizer outlets functioning at present in Madhya Pradesh with district-wise details;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the fertiliser outlets are located in the urban areas of the State;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to open fertilizer outlets in the rural areas of the State as well; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Chemical Fertilizers to the Marginal Farmers

$$3257-F. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to the effect that marginal farmers are unable to buy chemical fertilizers at the current prices which has resulted into the considerable piling of chemical fertilizers in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to provide chemical fertilizers at reasonable prices to the poor farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) No specific study has been conducted in this regard.

(c) The Government of India approved a provision of Rs. 340 crores for release to State/UTs for concessional sale of DAP, MOP and Complexes to all farmers including small and marginal farmers, during Rabi 1992-93. In addition, a sum of Rs. 500 crores was approved for the benefit of small and marginal farmers for providing basic infrastructural facilities to them.

Power Supply to Indian Aluminium Company Limited, Belaum

$$$3257-G. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Aluminium Company Limited is contemplating the closure of its smelter at Belgaum due to non-availability/high cost of power;

@@@@ Previously Unstarred Question 2917 transferred from 18th March, 1993.

$ Previously Unstarred Question 2923 transferred from 18th March, 1993.

$$Previously Unstarred Question 2938, transferred from 18th March, 1993.

$$$ Previously Unstarred Question 2991 transferred from 18th March, 1991.

(b) whether Government are aware that such a closure of the smelter is likely to render more than 500 workers jobless, jeopardising their livelihood;

(c) whether Government are also aware of the reports that such a closure of the smelter would jeopardise the relations between Indian Aluminium Company Limited and its collaborator TAPCO of USA and also the prospects of hydel project (captive power plant) proposed to be set up at Almati in Karnataka; and

(d) what are the steps Government propose to take to tackle the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production and Cost of Cotton in Andhra Pradesh

\$\$\$\$3257-H. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the average per acre yield of cotton in Guntur and Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh and what is the cost of its cultivation; and

(b) what was the average price of cotton during the last ten years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

12.00 NOON

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh) : Sir, I have a point of order. There is a great threat to communal peace in Tamil Nadu if the BJP rally is held on the 21st March. Will the Government cancel it or not ? (*Interruptions*)

\$\$\$\$ Previously Unstarred Question 3558, transferred from 23rd March, 1993.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report of Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities in India (July 1989 to June, 1990

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : Sir, On behalf of Shri Sitaram Kesri, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers :—

(i) Thirtieth Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities in India, for the period from July 1989 to June 1990, under clause (2) of article 350B of the Constitution.

(ii) Explanatory Note giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned above. [Place in Library. *See* No. LT-3695/93]

I. Accounts (1990-91) of the Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi

II Administration Report (1991-92) of the Delhi Development Authority New Delhi

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : Sir, on behalf of Smt. Sheila Kaul, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under section 25 of the Delhi Development Act, 1957 :—

(i) Annual Accounts of the Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi for the year 1990-91, and the Audit Report thereon.

(ii) Review by Government of the Annual Accounts.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Administration Report of the Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi, for